

Produce Stall—Misses Haines, Audrey, Noble-Campbell, Eileen Rooney, Cotter.

### Dannevirke

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 12.

The annual St. Patrick's night social, which was held in the Catholic Hall, was a pronounced success. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. M. J. Lyons, who was ably assisted by an energetic ladies' committee. A sum of £15 was netted.

At a recent meeting of the church committee it was decided that in future our Catholic school will be free to the children; the amount paid to the Sisters will be raised by a special annual appeal to the parishioners.

The ceremonies of Holy Week commenced on Holy Thursday, Mass being celebrated at 8 a.m. by the Rev. Father Cahill. Large numbers approached the Holy Table, after which the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration during the day. In the evening the Rev. Father Cahill preached an eloquent sermon on the 'Real Presence.' The usual devotions were held on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday the church was very prettily decorated for the festival.

### Wanganui

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 9.

The opening of the new convent is to take place on Sunday, May 12.

Captain F. Bourke, of the Marist Brothers' Junior Cadets, is responsible for the formation of junior grade companies at the principal Catholic schools of the Wanganui district. Hawea, Patea, Feilding, Palmerston North, and Otaki have all fallen into line, and have recently been equipped by the Department with a simple but very neat uniform.

The office of Tenebræ was sung on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Thursday night a very fine discourse on the Blessed Eucharist was given by the Rev. Father Venning, S.M., of St. Patrick's College, the church being crowded. Adoration was kept up all day and night, and was well attended by the faithful. The members of the Wanganui and Aramoho conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society kept watch throughout the night. The Altar of Repose was beautifully decorated for the occasion. On Friday there was the Mass of the Presanctified, with Adoration of the Cross, the church being packed to its utmost. The sermon on the Passion was preached by the Very Rev. Dean Holley. On Saturday there was Solemn High Mass. On Easter Sunday there was Solemn High Mass, Very Rev. Dean Holley being celebrant, Rev. Father Moloney deacon, and Rev. Father Venning subdeacon. At the first Mass fully 600 persons approached the Holy Table. In the evening Rev. Father Venning preached to a crowded congregation on the day's festival. Special praise must be given the choir for their admirable singing of the music both on Easter Sunday and during the Holy Week ceremonies.

### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 15.

A four days' carnival, under the auspices of the Leeston Catholic congregation, was opened on Easter Saturday by Mr. R. Heaton Rhodes, M.P. for the district, in the presence of a large attendance from all parts of the parish. Good business was done in all branches. The stall-holders were as follow:—No. 1 work stall, Mesdames T. Hally and M. Slattery; No. 2 work stall, Mesdames McCloy and J. Halley; refreshment stall, Mesdames T. J. Hally and T. McEvedy; produce and flower stall, Mrs. I. O'Boyle and Misses Bohan and Stapleton; bran tub, Miss Alice Ryan and

Mr. W. Bohan; fortune-telling stall, Miss C. Grant; football-kicking board, Mr. D. J. Kelleher.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, addressing the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School on the results of the first term of the current year, complimented them on the good work done under examination, and also on the brilliant cricket displayed. The following are the results:—Senior classes.—L. Ryan, F. Madden; VI.—J. Goodman, D. Sloan, E. McLaren, E. Rogers; V.—B. Grant, T. Pollard, J. Donahue, F. Perkins; IV.—J. Maine, A. McNamara, R. Jones; III.—H. Batchelor, L. Neilson, D. McLaren; II.—G. Dunn, C. Dobbs, F. Shirley; I.—W. Holland; Preparatory.—G. Daly. Prizes for cricket were awarded to J. Flood (bowling, 26 wickets for 36 runs), E. McLaren (15 for 21), J. McCormack (most runs scored in home matches). The Marist Brothers' School (with an unbroken record this year) are leading for the primary schools cricket supremacy, which extends over several seasons.

The Catholic schoolrooms, Addington, presented a gay and animated scene on Easter Monday evening, when a fair was formally opened by his Lordship the Bishop in the presence of a large gathering. It was explained that the bazaar was intended to liquidate the debt on the school, which was an object of pride to all the Catholics of Addington. It was also hoped that an addition could be made to the church, which might then be large enough to serve the district for many years. The stall-holders were as follow:—Flowers, Misses Payne, Gudgeon, Ereck, Cronin, Kiely, Masters Kiely and Courtney; Addington stall, Miss M. Sloan; Spreydon stall, Mrs. McGloin; Riccarton stall, Mesdames Hyne and McManaway; jumble stall and sweets stall, Mrs. Hanna and Miss K. Cronin; refreshment room, Mrs. O'Leary. Musical items were given by Misses E. Smith and Mayne, Mrs. Joll, and Messrs. Heatley, F. Rowe, and C. Fottrell. Good business was done during the week, and attractive programmes were presented each evening, mainly provided by the school children. The fair was concluded on Saturday evening, and proved very successful, over £230, it is anticipated, being the net result.

Very Rev. Father Griffiths, C.S.S.R., Provincial of the Irish Province of the Redemptorist Order, who is visiting the houses of the Order in Australasia, accompanied by the Very Rev. Father Burke, C.S.S.R., of Clapham, London, and Very Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., Superior, Wellington, paid a visit to Christchurch last Tuesday. In the company of his Lordship the Bishop a busy day was spent going the rounds of the Catholic institutions, convents, and schools, with all of which, together with the Cathedral, they expressed their great delight. Very Rev. Father Burke addressed the men's division of the Arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament at the fortnightly meeting in the Cathedral on Tuesday evening. He expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to have again an opportunity of meeting so representative a body of the Catholics of Christchurch, for whom, eighteen years ago, he, with others of his Order, had conducted one of the most successful missions on record. He cherished, he said, a very warm affection for Christchurch and its people. He spoke of the great Eucharistic Congress, held some time ago in London, and the number of guilds and confraternities in honor of the Blessed Sacrament now established everywhere in England as an outcome of that wonderful demonstration of faith. He, too, gave some striking examples of the practical Catholicism of leading personages in the Home land, where religion was their first and firmest consideration.

### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

April 15.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary leaves for Sydney tonight to be present at the investiture of his Grace Archbishop Kelly with the pallium. He will return immediately by the same steamer.